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Neil King Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument P.O. Box 570 Hagerman, Idaho 83332

RE: Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Twin Falls and Gooding Counties, Idaho.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has conducted a preliminary review of the above referenced draft EIS in accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. The draft EIS evaluates two action alternatives and a No Action alternative and their potential impacts from construction of a research center and museum in the Monument.

Following this review, EPA has found no significant statutory or jurisdictional issues from its perspective. We will not be providing specific review comments at this time. Therefore, we are rating this draft EIS LO (Lack of Objections). An explanation of the EPA rating system is enclosed for your reference. This rating will be published in the Federal Register.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document. If you have any questions, please contact me at (206) 553-1984.

Sincerely,

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